

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, April 20, 2026

On Monday, April 20, 2026, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members David Horn, Dennis Cooper, Consuelo Cruz and Pat McDaniel. Council members Ed Culp and Lisa Gregory were absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Councilman McDaniel moved to allow Councilwoman Gregory to participate remotely through electronic attendance pursuant to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a), seconded by Councilman Horn.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Dennis Cooper, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

City Manager Melissa Hon attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Proclamations and Recognitions.

Mayor Moore Wolfe recognized the MacArthur High School boys' and girls' basketball teams, along with their coaches, school administration, families and supporters, for their achievement in reaching sectionals. Mayor Moore Wolfe presented them with Stephen Decatur medallions.

Ms. Lori Kerans read a Proclamation proclaiming April 30th, 2026, "Millikin University Day" in honor of their 125th anniversary.

Mayor Moore Wolfe signed the proclamation.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Shemuel Sanders, Ayn Owens, Jennifer Ballinger, James Taylor, Bret Robertson, Michael Leoni and Gary Fyke.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of April 6, 2026, City Council meeting were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Councilman Horn and on call

of the roll, Council members David Horn, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With there being no Unfinished Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

City Manager Hon presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

R2026-82 Resolution Authorizing the Approval of an Agreement with I.A.F.F. Local 505, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Horn.

City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Resolution.

Council members expressed their gratitude to the men and women of the fire department.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

City Manager Hon provided the City Manager Update thanking the Howard G. Buffett Foundation for their donation to local law enforcement. She also reminded residents to participate in the garbage and recycling survey and extended her thanks to the volunteers who helped place Christmas trees in the lake.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through M. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. Councilman McDaniel requested to remove item D. and Councilman Horn requested to remove Items A. and F. The Clerk read Calendar Items B., C., E. and G. through M.:

R2026-83 Item B. Resolution Accepting the Sourcewell Contract of LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles for the Purchase of Rear Seating Upfits for Two (2) Transit Cargo Vans

R2026-84 Item C. Resolution Rescinding R2026-31 and Accepting the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract Holder Bid Price of Sutton Ford Inc. for the Upfit of Four (4) Police Vehicles

R2026-85 Item E. Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with CDM Smith, Inc. to Provide Construction Services for the Galvanized Water Service Line Replacement, City Project 2025-20

R2026-86 Item G. Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Agreement with F&E Lawn and Janitorial Service for Weed Abatement

R2026-87 Item H. Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Agreement with Inherited Services LLC for Weed Abatement

R2026-88 Item I. Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Agreement with Jandi Services for Weed Abatement

R2026-89 Item J. Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Agreement with Ricky Wofford for Weed Abatement

R2026-90 Item K. Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Agreement with Roots Lawncare for Weed Abatement

R2026-91 Item L. Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Agreement with Taylor Made Landscaping for Weed Abatement

2026-19 Item M. Ordinance Adding Territory to Enterprise Zone and Approving the Amendment of the Enacting Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement for 1104 Clement Ave - Forsyth

Councilman McDaniel moved Items B., C., E. and G. through M. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Horn, and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2026-92 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Burdick Plumbing and Heating Company, Inc. for the Galvanized Water Service Line Replacement, City Project 2025-20, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Horn.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works, provided information about the Galvanized Water Service Replacement program and addressed questions from Council members concerning the project timeline, funding, community outreach, lead exposure and the water treatment process.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2026-93 Resolution Accepting the Sourcewell Contract of Sutton Ford Inc. for the Purchase of Two (2) 2026 Transit Cargo Vans with Upfits, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Horn.

City Manager Hon addressed questions regarding vehicle replacement and awarding contracts.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2026-94 Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Agreement with D&S Management Realty Partners for Weed Abatement, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Horn.

City Manager Hon answered questions concerning the amount of money spent on mowing city owned lots versus privately owned lots and the number of vacant lots owned by the city.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

Mayor Moore Wolfe offered condolences to the family of Tim Wittmer and addressed questions from Councilwoman Cruz regarding annual summaries for various boards and commissions. City Manager Hon answered questions from Councilwoman Cruz about the accessibility of emergency resource links on the city's website. Mayor Moore Wolfe spoke about the 211 hotline for connecting people to health and emergency resources. City Manager Hon will provide Council with an update on the proposed daycare center in the former Wee Folk's building. Ms. Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel, addressed questions concerning salaries of ambulance employees. City Manager Hon addressed questions about the application status for Opportunity Zones.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called adjournment.

Councilman McDaniel moved the regular City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Horn and upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved May 4, 2026
Kim Althoff
City Clerk